

MEXICO.

INAUGURATION OF THE DICTATOR.

COMPOSITION OF HIS CABINET—INDICATIONS OF HIS POLICY.

Gen. Santa Ana made his public entry into the City of Mexico on the 20th ult. An immense concourse filled the streets and squares. A triumphal arch had been erected across the street of Santo Domingo, the houses were decorated with flags and draperies, and the balconies were filled with ladies along the whole line of the procession. Military salutes were fired, and bands of music played national and martial airs at several points. When the cortege came in sight of the crowd, the popular enthusiasm, notwithstanding the resistance of the escort, took possession of the carriage of the General and dragged it by hand to the Palace. The principal officers of the Government accompanied Santa Ana from the village of Guadalupe.

The cortege proceeded first to the Palace and thence to the Chamber of Deputies, where the Supreme Court of Justice, the authorities, the corporation and military and clergy had assembled for the occasion. There the following oath was administered to the President by the President of the Chamber of Deputies.

I, Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana, swear to God that I will defend the independence and integrity of the Mexican territory, and promote the welfare and prosperity of the nation, in conformity with the oath made on the 6th of February last in this city by the United States.

When Santa Ana had taken this oath, Gen. Lombard rose and announced that the President had taken possession of the Government.

Don José Miguel Arroyo then read the address of the President, in which he made an allusion to the throat and said that he did not personally.

We can only give a synopsis of the address in consequence of its length.

He says that when he received the call of the nation to take the supreme power, he resolved to return and sacrifice everything for his country, but that he had not conceived their full magnitude until he arrived at Vera Cruz and heard reports and opinions, often contradictory, and seen for himself the state of affairs.

Discord has converted friendly States into rivals and enemies on a multitude of local questions, the treasury bankrupt, taxes unnecessarily increased and Congress and Governments in some States, while in others they are detested. That he has been honored with the labor of restoring order and peace even to the conferring upon him of all necessary power for that purpose until the new constitution is formed, but that even this amplitude of power is one of its difficulties.

He does not disguise to himself his position and will do all he can to subvert the difficulties that surround him. He does not presume to promise success, rather does he believe he may commit errors, but he will be involuntary one, and he shall always be ready to correct them when he is convinced they are such.

He does not propose to act arbitrarily, but will lay down the plan and propose to follow, and will make it known. It is his duty to attend to the question of internal order, so that without that no elections can be made and no system of government can be carried out. Will repair the evils that have been caused by a confusion of principles and satisfy the desires of the people so far as they are compatible with the necessary obedience to the authorities, leaving to the citizens all the liberty not dangerous to public tranquility.

He desires to cultivate friendly relations with friendly powers, to follow liberal ideas to such point as shall not amount to license, and give an impulse to the progress which the age has made known, to respect morality and religion, give lucrative employment to the laboring classes, and reorganize the army.

He concludes by expressing his satisfaction, if he can when leaving his post, leave his country happy and respected, and implore the assistance of Divine Providence in his labor.

His Cabinet were then sworn in as follows: Don Lucas Alamán, Foreign Relations; Don Teodoro Lasso, Justice; Don Antonio Haro y Tamazcor, Treasury; Don José María Tornel, War.

Senor Alvarado then introduced the Spanish Minister, who presented to Santa Ana the Cross of Charles III. in the name of his sovereign, who granted it to him six years since.

The cortege then proceeded to the Cathedral, where Te Deum was sung, and the President returned to the palace. There he received the diplomatic corps, and was addressed by the Minister of Guatemala, to whom he replied, reiterating the same sentiments as before. The Minister then named the Very Rev. Clemente Manigault, Bishop of Michoacan, President of the Council of State.

On the 22d he published the programme of organization of Government, constituting five Secretariats, as follows: Foreign Affairs; Interior, Justice and Ecclesiastical Affairs; Commerce, Industry, Improvement and Colonization; War and Marine; and Treasury, and dictating the order of their labors. New civil, criminal, commercial, and administrative laws were also promulgated, and all decrees since the dissolution of Congress are to be taken into consideration for the purpose of determining what is best for the nation. The Council of State is to be composed of twenty-one persons, divided into five sections, corresponding to the five Secretariats.

All Legislatures of States and Territories and other bodies exercising legislative powers, are to take a recess, "in order to give place to the new Government," and all laws and decrees that have been separated from Santa Ana will be reissued, except Agas Calientes. The programme is signed by Santa Ana and his four ministers.

The General says that Santa Ana will have to resign his army notwithstanding the measures of Gen. Lombard, many of which will have to be rescinded. Gen. Lombard issued a circular letter of personal thanks to all the officers of the Government the day previous to the entry of Santa Ana into the City.

Gen. Alvarado has written to the President a letter stating that the stories of his connection with the Falconet affair are calumnies, and asking that the business may be officially investigated. His letter is dated on the 11th ult., at Nansa-Ompa.

The title of Captain-General had again been pressed upon Santa Ana by the Governor of the Federal District of Mexico.

Gen. Benito Zereas has been named Chief of the Staff. Gen. Alvarado says that Gen. Lombard has been appointed Governor and Commendador General of Mexico.

The Marquis of Rivera has been received by Santa Ana as Spanish Minister. Don Jose Riano Pacheco has been named Minister to France.

Several interesting facts were presented to the President, asking for the abolition of the federal system, which they state is the cause of the disorganization of the country.

A large fire had occurred in the Plaza de Jesus, in the City of Mexico, by which a number of the poorer classes were rendered homeless.

Some of the papers talk of what they call the "invasion," but reiterate the statement that Judge Conkling, in a note to the Government, has promised that the American frontier will be secured by the Mexicans.

The Government has ordered a cross to be given to each person that fought against the French in Sonora.

Advices from that State say that in consequence of the ravages of the Indians and other causes, about a thousand persons have emigrated from the State of California. The State Government was organizing an expedition against the Indians in the mountains.

The Siglo states that one of the assassins of Gov. Reyes had been arrested, and had made revelations that would be of great service to the authorities.

The difficulties between Oajaca and Chiapas are far from being settled.

It is stated that Melendez had left Tehuantepec with 300 men for the purpose of chasing Maldonado, the Governor of Chiapas.

The new law of the Press, which was promulgated on the 20th ult., is the general subject of conversation. Several of the most prominent journals of Mexico have already passed to appear in consequence of it; among them the *Monitor*, and all the others are precluded from political comment.

The journals now published in the capital are the *Universal*, Government paper; *Siglo*, opposition; *Trade*, commercial; *Amor*, literary; *Progreso*, or *Progreso*, religious; *Exposicion*, Spanish organ, and the *Trail of Union*, French paper.

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One of the papers have the following paragraph relative to the Siglo and the neutrality treaty:

"We learn that the present Government has examined the *Argos* (papers) relating to the contract with the United States, and has decided to reject it. Gen. Lombard. Both acts have received the approval of Gen. Santa Ana, who has directed this fact to be communicated to our Minister at Washington."

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gives the following strong endorsement to the most favorable reports. The public have looked to this Austin paper for information, and they finally give it, with the very praiseworthy assurance that they will "practice no concealment to gratify the excitement prevailing throughout Western Texas, on the subject of the gold discoveries in our neighborhood; and we have had several letters, and observe notices in our exchange, asking information on the subject."

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